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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Bettina Mockel et al.

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**DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL DEPOSIT
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDAPEST TREATY**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Thomas A. Cawley, Jr., hereby state as follows:

1. I am an attorney of record for the above-identified patent application, and as such, I am authorized to act on behalf of Degussa AG.

2. The following vectors, described in the specification of the above-identified application, were deposited with the German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ-Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Inhoffenstraße 7 B, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany), under the terms of the Budapest Treaty:

Corynebacterium glutamicum strain DSM5715/pXKgpmexp as DSM13456 on April 17, 2000.


Corynebacterium glutamicum strain DSM5715/pEC-XK as DSM13455 on April 17, 2000.

3. The German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures is a depository in accordance with the Budapest Treaty for the above-deposited cultures. Should the cells mutate, become non-viable, non-functional, or be inadvertently destroyed, the assignee will replace such cells for at least thirty years from the date of the original deposit, or for at least five years from the date of the most recent request for release of a sample, or for the enforceable life of any patent issued on the above-identified application, whichever period is longest.

4. The deposits have been made under conditions of assurance of (a) ready accessibility thereto by the public if an enforceable patent is granted whereby all restrictions to the availability to the public of the cell lines so deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent, and (b) access to the vectors will be available during pendency of the patent application to one determined by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to be entitled thereto under applicable statutes and regulations.

5. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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